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September is nearly gone and thus far no disaster has been chronicled in Florida as the result of gale or storm.

John Beard has declared for State prohibition. All candidates seem to be in a scramble to see which one of them can climb first on the "water wagon."

The merchant who uses stationery decorated with gargling oil, axle grease, flour or other cheap advertising matter, is to the home printer what the mail order house is to the home merchant.

It seems that the prohibition question will be forced into politics in spite of everything. We regret this fact. Prohibition is a moral question, pure and simple, and should not be thrown into the dirty game of politics.

The Mayor of Perry promptly vetoed the ordinance passed by the council establishing a liquor dispensary so now that town will not be pestered with the booze traffic—at least, the legalized traffic. Perry's mayor is to be commended for his stand on the matter.

Monticello bravely defended Middle Florida in the game of baseball with the St. Augustine team in Jacksonville last week and won the victory for our section of the State hands down. We congratulate the Monticello boys on their excellent and effective work.

Florida's "grand old man eloquent," ex-Governor William D. Bloxham, was married in Salem Va., on last Thursday, his bride being Mrs. Gertrude M. Norvell of Dallas, Texas. The thousands of friends of the old gentleman all over the State will rejoice with him in his new found happiness and the best wishes of all attend him and his bride.

That promised extra session doesn't seem to be forthcoming rapidly. What's the matter? It isn't possible, surely, that The Sun, the Court Gazette, has made a mistake. Maybe, as someone has suggested, the trouble is there is not enough money on hand to pay the bill, and the extra session must be postponed until after the license money pours into the State treasury.

The democratic executive committee of Dade county has adopted some hair-raising resolutions which are directed to Governor Broward and calling upon him for an explanation in disregarding the voice of the people expressed in primary in the matter of selection of a criminal court judge. The governor gave his reasons, and technically, we admit they were good and sufficient, but the people of the county most interested are not at all satisfied and have not hesitated to so express themselves.

The area of country in which the Sea Island or long staple cotton is grown is very small, and is confined to a few counties in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. This being true, it should be comparatively easy for the farmers, all the farmers, who grow this kind of cotton, to get together in a compact organization that would operate as one man, and thus control the price of their own crop, truthfully remarks the Live Oak Democrat. In this respect they have a large advantage over the growers of the short staple who are scattered over many States in such great numbers that it is much more difficult to get them all into one organization and operate them effectively. The Sea Island cotton growers, above all others, have the game in their own hands if they will avoid dissensions and the curse of divided counsels and hostile factions, and all come together in harmonious organization.

There will be a great effort made to down Congressman W. B. Lamar, of the Third District, in the primary next spring. We are justified in saying that if Congress was full of W. B. Lamar's there would be such a straightening out of laws that the trust magnates would very rightly conclude that the millennium (for them) had arrived.—St. Augustine Meteor. You are just about correct, brother Zim, in your conclusions, and the record made by the distinguished gentleman during his several terms in Congress fully justify you in them. And if he is permitted—which we believe he will be—he will continue to fight the battles of the people against the trusts.

The Pennsylvania grafters who stole millions from the State treasury on the building of the thirteen million dollar capitol at Harrisburg have been indicted and will be prosecuted vigorously. No State in the Union has ever had a fouler disgrace put upon it by its own citizens than this gang of swill rogues has put upon Pennsylvania, and it will help mightily to cleanse the moral atmosphere of a State in very bad repute when they are all put in prison stripes, says the Democrat. Likewise it will be a salutary warning to grafters all over the land.

That fellow Lipton—Sir Thomas Lipton—is a thoroughbred. He has issued his challenge and for the fourth time will try to wrest from the United States that famous piece of silver plate known as the "America's cup." The New York Yacht Club, which holds the coveted memento, will defend it and next year will witness another one of the great international yacht races. Of course, being patriotic, we want the cup to stay on this side of the pond, but if it must go back across we hope that fellow Lipton will be the man to carry it over.

The Key West Citizen says that if a wet or dry election should be held in Monroe county right now the county would go dry by a big majority. Well now that is encouraging, but if it would go dry now what is the reason it wouldn't go dry a little later? We think the longer the people are given to ponder over the evils of the traffic the more convinced they become that it should be abolished.

Hon. Jefferson B. Browne, the Key West candidate for gubernatorial honors, has announced a platform upon which he will stand or fall, and which, doubtless, he hopes will carry him to victory in the primaries of next year. The planks of his platform are unquestionably good ones. The first one is for State prohibition of the sale of liquors. Another would limit the amount which a candidate may spend in a primary election. He favors State Uniformity of school books and would leave the filling of vacancies in county offices to the executive committees of the different counties. All these are good, strong planks, and taken together form a platform safe enough for anyone to stand on.

It is announced authoritatively, that within the next few weeks William Jennings Bryan will issue a statement defining his attitude toward next year's democratic presidential nomination. In this statement, it is said, Mr. Bryan will announce his willingness to accept the nomination if it be the judgment of the convention and the party at large that he is the most available democrat for the presidency. In the statement Mr. Bryan will make plain his position on all public questions which are likely to figure as issues in the campaign. He will discuss the tariff, trusts, railroads, federal and State powers and their respective spheres and limitations.

An appeal which should reach the hearts of all is published in another column. We refer to the article headed "Orphanage Day" which tells of the day set apart each year for the benefit of the little orphan children in the orphanage at Arcadia. Pause a moment in your tireless chase for the almighty dollar, reader, and let your hand go deep down into your pocket and come forth laden with coin for the worthy cause.

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